

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Deputy Greg Ewing called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Calling of the roll

Roll Call.

Present: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent/Excused: Darrick Scott.

Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed

- **March 25, 2008**

Motion: Approve Minutes from March 25, 2008 Vigo County Council Meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jim Hellmann, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Jim Hellmann, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Tim Curley.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Public comment

There were none.

Communications from elected officials of the County

Debbie Lewis, Vigo County Assessor, nominated the Schneider Corporation in an Excellence in Engineering competition with the American Council of Engineering Companies of Indiana. The Schneider Corporation helped complete the Vigo County GIS System, which was launched in October 2006. Ms. Lewis announced that the Schneider Corporation won that competition and presented a plaque celebrating that award to the Vigo County Council and asked that it be placed in the Council chambers to honor all who participated in the project.

Communications from other officials or agencies

There were none.

Reports from standing committees

There were none.

Reports from select committees

There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations

Additional Appropriations 2008-28

The Annual Budget Committee approved the request. The E-910 Fund is requesting funds be appropriated for the new tower which will be used with the Hoosier Safety Network.

Mr. Joe Selliken expressed his concerns regarding the equipment and Project 25, which involves setting national standards to be nationally compatible. In addition, Mr. Selliken is concerned about the bidding process for this and any project, that there should be a competitive open bidding process.

Deputy Greg Ewing explained that this appropriation request is for the tower itself, not any components. Furthermore, bids have gone out through the State.

Mr. Selliken then expressed his concern of the placement of the tower.

Motion: To approve Additional Appropriation 2008-28 and 2008-29,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Jim Hellmann.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Mr. Brad Anderson asked Mr. Ewing about the issue of raising 911 fees. Nothing has been done at this time. Mr. Anderson would like the President of the Indiana Association of County Council, Mr. Wolf, to be contacted to find out the proper procedure in order to start the process.

Additional Appropriation 2008-29

Passed along with 2008-28

Additional Appropriation 2008-30

Mark Bird would like to table the ordinance because there is no letter for the request.

Motion: Table to address next month, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Additional Appropriation 2008-31

The Budget Adjustment approved the request for the Health Donation Fund to appropriate funds received from the Indiana AIDS Fund Grant.

Motion: To approve Additional Appropriation 2008-31, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation 2008-32

Ms. Kathy Miller, Budget Adjustment Chair, would like to amend Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2008-32 by decreasing the request for Council for Supplement to Drug Court from \$50,000 to \$0. The Prosecutor's office is willing to help the Drug Court with funding from Seized Assets funds. This issue will be addressed in the May meeting.

Motion: To amend the amount requested for the Council for Supplement to Drug Court to \$0 on Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2008-32, **Action:** Amend, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

The request for the Jail in Education and Counseling is to operate the Jail Linkage Program for the women's program and the domestic violence program. The amount needed is \$16,000, or \$8,000 for each program.

Mr. Brad Anderson suggested looking for funding somewhere other than County General next year.

Motion: To approve ordinance as amended. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation 2008-33

Mr. Rob Roberts explained that the request is to replenish the appropriations that had previously been transferred to support the Ace 70 Task Force Project, which is a drug intervention program. The request passed through the Budget Adjustment committee.

Motion: To approve Additional Appropriation 2008-33, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation 2008-34

Mr. Jerry Netherlain, Engineering Director, explained the request is needed in order to be compliant with Rule 13 under the Federal Clean Water Act, which is being administered by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Rule 13 involves storm water quality. The overall cost is being shared with the City of Terre Haute. The process will take at least five years and will need funding in future budget planning. The Special Projects committee approved the request.

Motion: To approve Additional Appropriation 2008-34, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jim Hellmann, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation 2008-35

Mr. Jerry Netherlain, Engineering Director requested the ordinance to be withdrawn. The funding will come from the Bond Anticipation Note.

Motion: To accept the withdraw request, **Action:** Withdraw, **Moved by** Jim Hellmann, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Jim Hellmann, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Tim Curley.
Absent: Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation 2008-36

The Personnel committee approved the request. The Clerk is requesting an appropriation to pay part-time employees to purge the records at 6th and Wabash to get ready for the moving of the records to the 13th Street location. The funds will come from the Clerk Perpetuation Fund.

Motion: To approve Additional Appropriation 2008-36, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).
Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.
Absent: Darrick Scott.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2008-3

The Special Projects committee approved the resolution. The Auditor's office needs an upgrade for the Secure Check software, which is used to print all checks coming from the Auditor's office. The Information Services Department has recommended this upgrade.

Motion: To approve the resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Jim Hellmann.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).
Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.
Absent: Darrick Scott.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2008-4

Mr. Jim Hellmann, Special Projects Chair, would like to amend the resolution so that the transfer will go to 001-070-44460, 13th Street Project.

Motion: To amend the resolution to re-allocate funds to line 001-070-44460, 13th Street Project, **Action:** Amend, **Moved by** Jim Hellmann, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Commissioner David Decker explained the improvements that will be made to the building on 13th Street that will be used to store Clerk records.

Motion: To approve the resolution as amended, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jim Hellmann, **Seconded by** Brad Anderson.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Jim Hellmann, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Tim Curley.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2008-5

Mr. Jim Hellmann, Special Projects Chair, would like to amend the resolution so that the transfer will go to 001-070-44465, Annex Remodel.

Motion: To amend the resolution to re-allocate funds to line 001-070-44465, Annex Remodel, **Action:** Amend, **Moved by** Jim Hellmann, **Seconded by** Brad Anderson.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Commissioner David Decker explained the request is for the first phase of the remodeling of the Annex. This phase will provide a space for the Public Defender's office to move from their current location at 6th and Wabash. This will also provide space to store their records.

If funds remain, they will be used for the space for the Engineering Department as well as the CASA Department.

Staff from the Vigo County Maintenance Department will be involved in labor for the remodeling process in order to save money.

Motion: To approve the resolution as amended, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jim Hellmann, **Seconded by** Brad Anderson.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Salary Ordinance 2008-22

David Patterson is requesting an increase in salaries for the employees in Convention & Tourism. These funds are not tax dollars; they come from the Inn Keepers Tax.

Motion: To approve the ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Honorary resolutions

Amendment to Salary Ordinance

The Personnel Committee is recommending amending the 2008 Vigo County Salary Ordinance. The committee would like to remove the statement “or to employees terminated for cause”.

Motion: To amend salary ordinance as stated, **Action:** Amend, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Jim Hellmann.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.

Absent: Darrick Scott.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council

Resolution 2008-9

The Prosecutor’s office is requesting to refill the position of Legal Secretary in Infraction Deferral and a Deputy Prosecutor in the

Prosecutor's Office. If either position is filled from within the departments, the position then left vacant may be filled.

Motion: To approve the resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).
Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird.
Absent: Darrick Scott.

Mr. Mike Morris requested Commissioner David Decker to provide an update on the Courthouse progress.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions

President Pro-Tem, Tim Curley assigned Request of Council for the May 27, 2008 meeting to committee for further review.

Jim Hellmann inquired about the status of the phone system that had previously been requested. Mr. Brad Anderson discussed the Data Processing Board meeting where a presentation was made and feels this new system would be good for the county and would save the county money in the long run. The problem is coming up with them money up front. The Special Projects Committee will revisit the request and address it at the May meeting.

The Special Projects committee will have a special meeting with John Newman on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. The meeting will address purging and storing Clerk records.

Appointments

There were none.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 6:08 P.M., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Jim Hellmann.